

SHORTAGE OF COAL BRINGS NEW CALLS FOR MINE CONTROL

A concerted demand that the Government take over the nation's coal mines was manifest throughout the country today. Private ownership and management has failed, according to those advocating this drastic measure. It was certain that the demand for a new fuel program will come up in Congress when it reconsiders. Many members now here are advocating this plan. They point out that the fuel situation is no closely intertwined with the railroads that taking over one and leaving the other would not be a wise private course at least inconsistent.

Fuel Administrator is the leading advocate of Government control. He has taken the position that complete relief from the fuel shortage existing everywhere in the country cannot be expected unless the Government is in position to control fuel within its boundaries. Dr. McAdoo had explained to the President the great deal of present shortage has been due to the use of antiquated methods of production and distribution. His statistics he insists conclusively prove this contention.

PRESIDENT TO TAKE IT UP.

Up to the present time the President has not announced his stand on the coal situation. It is known, however, that he retains an open mind on the question of Government control and operation. There was a general feeling in official circles today that eventually he will favor taking the mines over. It is also known as he completes his address to Congress on the railway situation which is to be delivered the latter part of this week that he will immediately turn his complete attention to the coal situation.

Officials who are close to the White House were convinced today that the men of the country will be taken care of for the period of the war. The nation-wide cold wave now existing has made even more serious in its consequences by lack in many places. This is especially true in New England. The New England Fuel Director, J. J. Storrow, made a statement to the Associated Press yesterday that he expected President Wilson, Fuel Director, Garfield and Hallway Director McAdoo for relief. Both bituminous and anthracite coal are very badly needed all through New England, where temperatures run from 10 below zero to 49 below. The last figure reported from Northfield, Vt., showed utility corporations in New England furnishing light and heat as reported as crippled because of lack of fuel.

McADOO ACTS FOR RELIEF.

In an effort to relieve the situation in New England, in certain parts of New York and the middle West, Director McAdoo today issued orders that all transportation lines entering the section pool their resources and strength as far as possible, land and water routes are to be used to relieve the situation before the threatened snow comes and blocks the roads.

Mr. McAdoo conferred again today with his assistant in charge of transportation, H. S. Shantz, and Edward Elliott, Walker, D. Hayes and Howard Elliott. They had before them the reports of the Operating Committee of Vice Presidents showing what had been done and what was being done to make the railroads efficient.

It was decided that coal should be sent to the eastern states, N. E., New England, New York, Ohio, Michigan and the middle western states where the supply is low. As far as possible fuel will be given the right of way and certain systems will move nothing else until the present danger point is past.

WANT MORE SOLDIERS' INSURANCE APPLICATIONS

Although applications for War Risk Insurance are pouring into the offices of the war risk board at a rate of almost \$50,000,000 a day, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo said today that an increase in much to be desired.

Men in the United States Service are automatically insured for \$4,000 until February 12, but from that date on the men must apply for insurance if they desire their dependents to get it. The automatic insurance is payable only to a wife, widowed mother, or a child of a fighter, while insurance applied for can be effected by a broad limit in addition.

The average amount applied for is \$3,000, and the total amount issued to date is \$2,655,582,000.

DENIES MISCONDUCT WITH DOCTOR'S WIFE

James P. McDonald, who is named in the suit for absolute divorce filed by Dr. O. R. Cole, December 7, against his wife, Mrs. Minnie B. Cole, alleging misconduct, made answer today denying improper relations.

Regarding the statement of Dr. Cole that he had been drinking with Mrs. Cole at a fashionable hotel Mr. McDonald admits that this defendant had been drinking with him, and that he and Mrs. Cole had and drank a cocktail, and that they each drank a glass of light wine during the time they were eating their dinner, but denies that Elizabeth Cole, the daughter of Mrs. Cole, drank any intoxicating beverage.

Judge Lloyd represents Mr. McDonald, whose answer has been made part of the court records.

FEAR FOR DR. THAYER.

WILLIAM S. Thayer, who went to the Orient on a secret mission some months ago, express fear for his safety. No word has been received from him and letters to him have gone unanswered.

The Wayward Son Sits at the Bedside

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Furnished.

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Hudson Light Six 1916, in perfect condition; battery good; tires good.

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Hudson Four 1915, in perfect condition; paint is O. K., battery good; tires good.

Hudson Four, model 27, 1915, in A1 condition; can be bought for \$100.

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National 1916, in A1 condition; with clock, and a barometer. Car in nice condition.

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PROPOSALS

Proposed by THE COMMISSIONERS, D. C. Washington, D. C., December 20th, 1917.

These proposals will be received at this office, Government Building, until two o'clock P. M. on January 1st, 1918.

Proposed by M. C. Williams, 12th and L. st. N. W. Specified conditions.

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